

**U.S. District Court [LIVE AREA]  
Middle District of Georgia (Albany)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-00067-LAG**

PETROFF v. SESSIONS et al  
Assigned to: US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE ABRAMS  
GARDNER  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/27/2017  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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| Date Filed | #        | Docket Text   |
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| 03/27/2017 | <u>1</u> | <b>COMPLAINT</b> against JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN |

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|            |           | DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III filed by SEAN PETROFF (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Cover Letter, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 03/27/2017)  |
| 03/27/2017 | <u>2</u>  | MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 03/27/2017)   |
| 03/27/2017 | <u>3</u>  | Consent Form (28 USC 636(c)(1)) sent to SEAN PETROFF. (mdm) (Entered: 03/27/2017)  |
| 04/25/2017 | <u>4</u>  | <b>ORDER</b> granting <u>2</u> Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis. Plaintiff is DIRECTED to resubmit the exhibits docketed in 1:11-cr-00011-WLS-TQL-1 as exhibits in this case. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 04/25/2017. (mdm) (Entered: 04/25/2017)   |
| 05/08/2017 | <u>5</u>  | NOTICE of Filing of Correspondence from US Department of Justice to Petroff regarding incorrect service. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 05/08/2017)   |
| 05/11/2017 | <u>6</u>  | MOTION for Leave to Submit Exhibits as Directed by the Court Filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibits A – H – Exhibits docketed in case number 1:11-cr-11)(bcl) (Entered: 05/11/2017)  |
| 05/15/2017 | <u>7</u>  | This is a text only entry; no document issued. <b>ORDER</b> granting <u>6</u> Motion for Leave to File Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 5/15/17 (rlw2) (Entered: 05/15/2017)  |
| 05/19/2017 | <u>8</u>  | Letter from Sean Petroff regarding service. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Letter from USDOJ, # <u>2</u> Notice of Lawsuit and Request to Waive Service of a Summons – Session, # <u>3</u> Notice of Lawsuit and Request to Waive Service of a Summons – US Attorney, # <u>4</u> Notice of Lawsuit and Request to Waive Service of a Summons – GAMD US Attorney, # <u>5</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 05/22/2017)         |
| 05/24/2017 | <u>9</u>  | <b>ORDER FOR SERVICE.</b> Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 05/24/2017. (mdm) (Entered: 05/24/2017)  |
| 05/24/2017 | <u>10</u> | USM 285 Process Receipt and Return ISSUED for JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III (Attachments: # <u>1</u> USM 285, # <u>2</u> USM 285, # <u>3</u> USM 285)(mdm) (Main Document 10 replaced on 5/24/2017) (mdm). (Entered: 05/24/2017) |
| 05/24/2017 | <u>11</u> | Summons Issued as to JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons)(mdm) (Entered: 05/24/2017)   |
| 05/26/2017 | <u>12</u> | USM 285 Process Receipt and Return MAILED for JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III (mdm) (Entered: 05/26/2017)  |
| 07/11/2017 |           | Filing fee Paid: Initial Partial Filing Fee \$20.15 (bcl) (Entered: 07/11/2017)  |
| 07/31/2017 | <u>13</u> | MOTION to Dismiss Complaint re <u>1</u> Complaint, : by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III filed by STEWART R BROWN. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support)(BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 07/31/2017)                            |
| 08/18/2017 | <u>14</u> | MOTION for Leave to Amend for Purpose of Enjoining Parties filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 08/21/2017)  |
| 08/18/2017 | <u>15</u> | RESPONSE filed by SEAN PETROFF re <u>13</u> MOTION to Dismiss Complaint re <u>1</u> Complaint. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 08/21/2017)   |

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| 09/01/2017 | <u>16</u> | REPLY to Response filed by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III re <u>13</u> MOTION to Dismiss Complaint re <u>1</u> Complaint, : (BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 09/01/2017)  |
| 09/01/2017 | <u>17</u> | RESPONSE filed by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III re <u>14</u> MOTION for Leave to File Amend for Purpose of Enjoining Parties (BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 09/01/2017)  |
| 09/15/2017 | <u>18</u> | SURREPLY FILED WITHOUT PERMISSION by SEAN PETROFF re <u>13</u> MOTION to Dismiss Complaint re <u>1</u> Complaint. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 09/15/2017)  |
| 09/15/2017 |           | Notice of Deficiency (related document(s): <u>18</u> SURREPLY FILED WITHOUT PERMISSION by SEAN PETROFF ); Document requires leave of court before filing. (mdm) (Entered: 09/15/2017)  |
| 09/22/2017 | <u>19</u> | MOTION for Leave to Submit, Pursuant to FRE 201, Motion for Order; MOTION for Relief filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Various Case Related Documents, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 09/22/2017)   |
| 09/25/2017 | <u>20</u> | RESPONSE filed by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III re <u>19</u> MOTION for Leave to File Submit, Pursuant to FRE 201, Motion for OrderMOTION for Relief (BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 09/25/2017)  |
| 09/28/2017 | <u>21</u> | MOTION for Leave to Submit Traverse Motion filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Deficiency, # <u>2</u> Proposed Traverse Response, # <u>3</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 09/28/2017)  |
| 10/23/2017 | <u>22</u> | MOTION for Leave to Submit Reply to <u>20</u> Response filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 10/23/2017)  |
| 10/23/2017 | <u>23</u> | REPLY to Response filed by SEAN PETROFF re <u>19</u> MOTION for Leave to File Submit, Pursuant to FRE 201, Motion for Order MOTION for Relief. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 10/23/2017)   |
| 02/05/2018 | <u>24</u> | MOTION for Rule 16(b) Pretrial Conference filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Cover Letter, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 02/05/2018)  |
| 02/05/2018 | <u>25</u> | MOTION for Rule 26(f) Conference of the Parties filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Cover Letter, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 02/05/2018)  |
| 02/12/2018 | <u>26</u> | RESPONSE filed by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III re <u>24</u> MOTION for Rule 16(b) Pretrial Conference, <u>25</u> MOTION for Rule 26(f) Conference of the Parties (BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 02/12/2018)   |
| 02/14/2018 | <u>27</u> | <b>ORDER</b> granting <u>13</u> Motion to Dismiss Complaint; granting in part and denying in part <u>14</u> MOTION for Leave to Amend for Purpose of Enjoining Parties. The following parties are hereby DROPPED as Defendants in this action: (1) Office of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia; (2) the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia; (3) Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia; (4) United States Attorney General Jefferson Sessions. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to add the United States Department of Justice as a defendant in this case and dismiss all other named Defendants. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 02/14/2018. (mdm) (Entered: 02/14/2018) |
| 02/26/2018 | <u>28</u> | MOTION for Leave to File Petitioner's Motion to Name Defendant/Motion to Amend or Add Defendant Nunc Pro Tunc filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Motion to Name Defendant/Motion to Amend or Add Defendant Nunc Pro Tunc, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 02/26/2018)   |

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| 02/28/2018 | <u>29</u> | ANSWER to Complaint by JOHN DOE(U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Office of U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JOHN DOE(Assistant U.S. Attorney – Middle District of Georgia), JEFFERSON B SESSIONS, III, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(BROWN, STEWART)Attorney STEWART R BROWN added to party UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE(pty:dft) (Entered: 02/28/2018)   |
| 03/22/2018 | <u>30</u> | <b>RULES 16/26 ORDER:</b> Proposed Scheduling/Discovery order due by 4/23/2018. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 3/22/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Required Form)(far) (Entered: 03/22/2018)  |
| 03/26/2018 | <u>31</u> | MOTION for Extension of Time to File to Respond to Document <u>29</u> . Filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(bcl) (Entered: 03/26/2018)   |
| 04/09/2018 | <u>32</u> | MOTION for Leave to Submit Notice to Court filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Notice to Court, # <u>2</u> Cover Letter, # <u>3</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 04/09/2018)  |
| 04/10/2018 | <u>33</u> | <b>ORDER</b> denying <u>31</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 04/10/2018. (mdm) (Entered: 04/10/2018)   |
| 04/27/2018 | <u>34</u> | <b>SCHEDULING/DISCOVERY ORDER:</b> Discovery to be complete by 10/22/2018. Dispositive motions due by 11/21/2018. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 04/27/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Scheduling & Discovery Order)(mdm) (Entered: 04/27/2018)   |
| 04/27/2018 | <u>35</u> | MOTION for Leave to File Second Notice to Court and Motion for Extension of Time filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Second Notice to Court, # <u>2</u> Motion for Extension of Time, # <u>3</u> Note & Request for Service, # <u>4</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 04/27/2018)   |
| 05/21/2018 | <u>36</u> | MOTION for Leave to Submit Notice from Plaintiff to Courtroom Deputy Filed by SEAN PETROFF. Included in the envelope was a letter addressed to Judge Abrams' Courtroom Deputy. Clerk forwarded the letter to Felicia Rushing. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Cover Letter, # <u>2</u> Notice from Plaintiff to Courtroom Deputy, # <u>3</u> Envelope)(bcl) Modified on 5/23/2018 to add text (bcl). (Entered: 05/22/2018)  |
| 05/21/2018 | <u>37</u> | MOTION for Leave to File Motion to appeal Document #34 Order Filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Motion to Appeal Document #34 Order, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(bcl) (Entered: 05/22/2018)  |
| 05/25/2018 | <u>38</u> | MOTION for Leave to Submit Rule 11 Motion for Sanctions Filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Motion for Sanctions, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A – Plaintiff's Communication #1, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B – Plaintiff's Communication #2, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C – Plaintiff's Communication #3, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D – Plaintiff's Communication #4, # <u>6</u> Exhibit E – Defendant's April 11, 2018 Letter, # <u>7</u> Envelope)(bcl) (Entered: 05/25/2018)  |
| 06/11/2018 | <u>39</u> | Letter from Sean Petroff regarding service of Motions and request for copy of docket sheet. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Envelope)(mdm) ***Copy of docket sheet sent to Petroff with a note indicating he is responsible for service of documents upon opposing parties.*** (Entered: 06/12/2018)  |
| 08/13/2018 | <u>40</u> | MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by SEAN PETROFF. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Various Case Related Documents, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 08/13/2018)  |
| 09/04/2018 | <u>41</u> | RESPONSE filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re <u>40</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1: Letter from EOUSA dated 7/20/18)(BROWN, STEWART) (Entered: 09/04/2018)  |
| 09/11/2018 | <u>42</u> | <b>ORDER</b> granting <u>22</u> MOTION for Leave to Submit Reply; denying <u>24</u> MOTION for Rule 16(b) Pretrial Conference; denying <u>25</u> MOTION for Rule 26(f) Conference of the Parties; denying as moot <u>28</u> MOTION for Leave to File Petitioner's Motion to Name Defendant/Motion to Amend or Add Defendant Nunc Pro Tunc; denying <u>19</u> MOTION for Leave to Submit, Pursuant to FRE 201, Motion for Order; MOTION for Relief; denying as moot <u>21</u> MOTION for Leave to Submit Traverse Motion. Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE LESLIE J ABRAMS on 09/11/2018. (mdm) (Entered: 09/11/2018) |

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| 09/27/2018 | <u>43</u> | REPLY to Response filed by SEAN PETROFF re <u>40</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Letter from USDOJ and Copy of Email, # <u>2</u> Envelope)(mdm) (Entered: 09/27/2018) |
| 01/08/2019 | <u>44</u> | <b><i>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER</i></b> STAYING CIVIL PROCEEDINGS Ordered by US DISTRICT JUDGE CLAY D LAND on 01/08/19. (ans) (Entered: 01/08/2019)   |